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on the ground of spoliation of evidence. Discovery will not be completed in this case until February 28, 2013. (See Doc. #94). Issues that have been raised in the motions and the responses thereto clearly relate to ongoing discovery. Accordingly, the court concludes that the motion to strike Union Pacific's answer and counterclaim (#99) and motion to dismiss National Railroad Passenger Corporation's complaint (#97) are premature. They are for that reason denied without prejudice, to renew after the close of discovery and no later than the dispositive motions deadline.

Howard DMEKiller

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: This 1st day of August, 2012.